

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wiesner

SUBJECT: Removal of Differential for [REDACTED]

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1. Reference is made to our telephone conversation this morning concerning the removal of the 10% differential for all posts in [REDACTED]. I find that the FE Division has already cabled advice of the removal to [REDACTED]. There is attached a copy of the cable which was dispatched last Friday.

2. In connection with this matter of the removal of allowances and differentials, we have been asked several times why such changes are not coordinated with CIA prior to promulgation. We have advised the interested Divisions that in accordance with Executive Order 10000 the authority to change overseas allowances and differentials rests with the Secretary of State. As you know, differentials and post allowance changes are made on the basis of factual reports from the field. Normally the reports are prepared by State Department personnel and coordinated with representatives of other Departments and Agencies with personnel at the station. If the other Agencies disagree with the report, they may submit their factual objections. All agencies must submit quarters cost data, except CIA which is exempt from all reporting. Therefore, even if CIA is willing to disclaim interest in the post concerned, we generally do not have any data on the matter, especially the type of specific data required to support a factual position opposite to the one taken by the State Department. It should also be noted that very recently [REDACTED] of D/P objected on security grounds to the Agency going to State Department to request an adjustment in the temporary lodging for [REDACTED]

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OPD [REDACTED] bks (24 August 1953)

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